

REMARKS

In light of the amendment set forth above, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Office Action dated August 17th, 2005 and allowance of claims 5-10 and 15-20.

In the Office Action dated August 17th, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 11-14 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wanner (6,330,920) in view of Bestland et al. (2,738,633). The examiner also objected to claims 5-8 and 15-20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the case claim and intervening claims. It is noted that the Examiner has allowed claims 9 and 10.

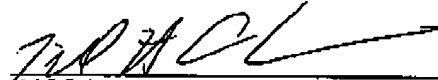
In order to expedite the prosecution of the application, the applicant has carefully considered the prior art cited and has amended the remaining claims that depend on rejected base claims.

In light of the amendments set forth herein, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Office Action dated August 17th, 2005 and allowance of claims 5-10 and 15-20. Should the application need any minor modifications to place the application in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the applicant's attorney at (703) 704-1793.

The USPTO is authorized to charge any surcharge or other fee to make this amendment timely to Deposit Account No. 19-2201, Army Materiel Command.

Respectfully submitted,

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